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SUBJECT: LETTER TO MIN DEFENSE AVEROFF RE

EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF GREEK ARMED FORCES

REF: A) MAR 14 DAY-PUGH TLECON; B) CJUSMAGG 071800Z

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SUBJECT LETTER, REFERRED TO IN REF B AND REQUESTED IN REFA: "THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED A COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE FROM THE DEPT OF DEFENSE ON THE THREE EQUIPMENT LISTS WHICH YOU PROVIDED TO GEN BURKE AND ME ON DEC 21, 1974. GENERAL BURKE IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE RESPONSE TO INSURE THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION RECEIVED IS RELATED DIRECTLY TO YOUR ORIGINAL LISTS. THIS REVIEW IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY, AND UPON COMPLETION, IF YOU AGREE, THE THREE LISTS WITH APPROPRIATE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOUR SERVICE CHIEFS. FOLLOWING THEIR REVIEW, JUSMAGG WILL BE PREPARED TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION OR ENGAGE IN WHATEVER DISCUSSIONS ARE NECESSARY. THUS, THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS NOT TO PROVIDE DETAILS, WHICH I AM SURE WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION BY THE SERVICE CHIEFS IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS, BUT TO GIVE YOU AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOTAL RESPONSE.

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OF THE 153 ITEMS ON THE COMBINED LISTS, 118 WERE

DETERMINED TO BE AVAILABLE; 18 REQUIRED ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON; SEVEN REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM JUSMAGG, WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED; FIVE WERE LISTED AS BEING AVAILABLE FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES, FIVE WERE LISTED AS NOT BEING AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE. THE AVAILABILITY DATES DO NOT COINCIDE IN ALL CASES WITH DESIRED DELIVERY DATES, VARYING FROM AS LITTLE AS TWO MONTHS ON OUT TO THE 1980 TIMEFRAME. DECISIONS ON CERTAIN ITEMS, NOTABLY ON THE HELLENIC AIR FORCE LIST, MUST BE MADE VERY SOON OR PRODUCTION LINES WILL BE TERMINATED. IF ANY OF THE 118 AVAILABLE ITEMS SERVE YOUR PURPOSE, I SUGGEST THAT NEXT STEP BE A REQUEST TO THE JUSMAGG FOR FINAL INFORMATION UPON WHICH YOUR FIRM DECISION CAN BE BASED.

EVEN THOUGH ALL OF THE ITEMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT THE INFORMATION IS OF SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE NATURE AS TO BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE IN LONG-RANGE MODERNIZATION PLANNING AND THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES TOWARD THAT END. I UNDERSTAND THAT JUSMAGG HAS DISCUSSED THIS FORCE DEVELOPMENT ASPECT WITH THE HELLENIC SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THE ARMY, AND WILL BE PLEASED TO WORK WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN SUPERIMPOSING THE EQUIPMENT LISTS OVER A LONG-RANGE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, AS WELL AS DEALING AS BEST WE CAN WITH IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. TOWARD THIS END, AND ALSO BECAUSE WASHINGTON HAS ASKED THE JUSMAGG TO IDENTIFY YOUR HIGHEST PRIORITY ITEMS, I UNDERSTAND THAT GEN ARBOUZIS AND GEN BURKE HAVE AGREED TO LIST IN ORDER OF PRIORITY NOT ONLY CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE THREE SERVICE LISTS BUT ALSO AN OVERALL HELLENIC ARMED FORCES LIST.

AS I AM SURE YOU WILL REALIZE FROM THE EXTENSIVE INFORMATION WE WILL BE MAKING AVAILABLE TO YOUR SERVICES, THE US GOVT HAS MADE A MAJOR EFFORT TO PREPARE TO BE HELPFUL IN A SUBSTANTIAL WAY TO THE HELLENIC ARMED FORCES. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL QUESTIONS AFTER HAVING RECEIVED DETAILED BRIEFINGS FROM YOUR SERVICES, MY STAFF AND I WILL BE--AS ALWAYS--FULLY AT CONFIDENTIAL

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YOUR DISPOSAL.
WITH BEST WISHES."

2. THE LIST OF REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS SET FORTH AVAILABILITY DATES ON A FEW MAJOR ITEMS FOR EACH OF THREE SERVICES AND ITEMIZED THOSE NOT AVAILABLE, THOSE AVAILABLE ONLY FROM INDUSTRY, AND THOSE ITEMS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON. NO PRICES WERE MENTIONED

ALTHOUGH A FOLLOW-UP MEETING (SEE REF C) BETWEEN CJUSMAGG
AND MIN DEF AVEROFF, SECONDED BY HELLENIC ARMED FORCES
LEADERS, HAS RESULTED IN A REQUEST FOR ALL PRICES. COST
DATA WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. THE FULL LISTS, LESS
THE COST DATA, HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED TO THE THREE
GREEK ARMED SERVICES BY THE JUSMAGG SERVICE SECTION
CHIEFS.
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